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June 22, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT
FOR THE MARINA DEL REY-TIDEGATE REPLACEMENT PROJECT
(C.P. No. 88930)
(4TH DISTRICT – 4 Votes)**

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER THAT
YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that these actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. Approve the attached appropriation adjustment authorizing the Department of Beaches and Harbors (DBH) to increase appropriation and revenue in the Marina del Rey Debt Service Fund to account for unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$280,000 and to transfer appropriation and revenue in the amount of \$795,000, which includes the \$280,000 from the Marina del Rey Debt Service Fund, from DBH's FY 2003-04 Operating Budget to its FY 2003-04 Capital Project/Refurbishment Budget to provide additional funding for the Marina del Rey-Tidegate Replacement Capital Project (C.P. No. 88930).
3. Approve a total project budget of \$1,295,000 for the Marina del Rey-Tidegate Replacement Project, funded by the Marina Replacement ACO Fund.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will provide additional funding to adequately fund the current estimated cost for the Marina del Rey-Tidegate Replacement Project. The existing Marina del Rey tidegate system is critical to ensuring full tidal functionality of the Ballona Lagoon (Lagoon) and Venice Canals. With two tides per day, the tidegate must be monitored and operated to adjust water flow to provide the required tidal exchange in the Lagoon, while protecting upstream properties from flood damage. The existing tidegate system is outdated and has exceeded its design service. Structural failure is evident in the tidegate landing and in the reinforcing steel on the head wall that supports the steel panels. The Department of Public Works-Design Division has

determined that the system requires a complete replacement rather than repair or overhaul and has the required expertise and resources to accomplish such replacement.

The proposed project would include demolition of the existing tidegate system, installation of two flap gates and one electronically-controlled slide gate, a control house with telemetry and programmable logic, and all necessary electrical and mechanical work, and installation of a coffer dam and de-watering required for construction.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These actions further the County's Strategic Plan Goal of "Public Safety" as the replacement of the tidegate will result in fully operational flow regulation of water movement through the Ballona Lagoon and Venice Canals, which will prevent flooding, as well as enhance the tidal exchange in the Lagoon and Canal system.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated total project cost for the Marina del Rey-Tidegate Replacement Project is \$1,295,000. The FY 2003-04 Capital Projects/Refurbishments Budget currently reflects \$500,000 in funding for this project from the Marina Replacement ACO Fund. The remaining \$795,000 in project funding will be provided from the DBH Operating Budget and will be comprised of \$515,000 in budgetary savings and new revenue from its Operating Budget and \$280,000 in revenue due to unanticipated revenue from the transfer of ownership of the Marina City Club (Parcel 125R), which will be transferred to the Operating Budget from the Marina del Rey Debt Service Fund.

The attached appropriation adjustment will increase appropriation and revenue by \$280,000 in the Marina del Rey Debt Service Fund, which will be transferred to DBH's Operating Budget. Along with this \$280,000, an additional \$515,000, for a total of \$795,000, will be transferred from the FY 2003-04 Operating Budget to the FY 2003-04 Capital Projects/Refurbishments Budget (C.P. No. 88930) to complete funding for the proposed project improvements.

Operating Budget Impact

DBH estimates that the full repair and automation of the tidegate will result in an overall reduction in annual repair and maintenance costs of approximately \$145,000 and \$29,726 in annual personnel cost savings. This savings is primarily due to the reduced need for manual monitoring and daily operation of the tidegate, and the replacement of worn or broken parts that are critical to providing a reliable and dependable operating system.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

These actions have been reviewed by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

No environmental documentation is required for the requested appropriation adjustment and project budget approval. These actions are exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061 (b) (3) of the CEQA Guidelines because it can be seen with certainty that these actions will have no significant effect on the environment.

The Department of Public Works will prepare the required environmental documentation for this project, in compliance with CEQA, once it has prepared a detailed project description. The environmental documentation will be submitted for consideration when construction plans are submitted to your Board for approval.

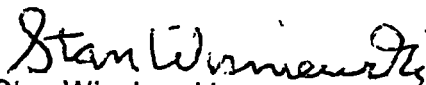
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)


The current tidegate system is unreliable and no longer adequately performs per its designed function. It must be operated manually, which can be burdensome and difficult during storm conditions and requires staff availability on evenings and weekends. The proposed automated system will increase reliability, provide proper functioning and eliminate the odd hour staffing needs.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Administrative Office, Capital Projects Division and the Department of Beaches and Harbors.

Respectfully submitted,


Stan Wisniewski
Director


David E. Janssen
Chief Administrative Officer

Attachment

c: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPT'S.
No.

DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS

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AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

4 - VOTE

Sources:

See Attached

Uses:

See Attached

Justification:

Reflects the transfer out from the Department's operating budget into the Tidegate Capital Project to fund the replacement of the Marina del Rey tidegate.

Elizabeth Sciarra

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR—

ACTION



RECOMMENDATION

APPROVED AS REQUESTED

AS REVISED

JUNE 10, 2004

John J. [Signature]

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

APPROVED (AS REVISED):
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

BY *Mike Jung*

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BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

4 ~~5~~-VOTES

FY 2003-04

SOURCES:

Marina del Rey Debt Service Fund
H02-BH-55802-9552
\$280,000 Increase Revenue

Department of Beaches and Harbors
Salaries and Employee Benefits
A01-BH-27510-1000
\$213,000 Decrease Appropriation

Department of Beaches and Harbors
Other Charges
A01-BH-27510-5500
\$190,000 Decrease Appropriation

Department of Beaches and Harbors
Construction Permits
A01-BH-27510-8301
\$40,000 Increase Revenue

Department of Beaches and Harbors
State-Other
A01-BH-27510-8831
\$43,000 Increase Revenue

Department of Beaches and Harbors
Sale of Fixed Asset
A01-BH-27510-9903
\$29,000 Increase Revenue

Department of Beaches and Harbors
Operating Transfer In
A01-BH-27510-9911
\$280,000 Increase Revenue

Department of Beaches and Harbors
Operating Transfer In/CP
MA2-BH-88930-9919
\$795,000 Increase Revenue

USES:

Marina del Rey Debt Service Fund
H02-BH-55802-6100
\$280,000 Increase Appropriation

Department of Beaches and Harbors
Operating Transfer Out
A01-BH-27510-6100
\$795,000 Increase Appropriation

Department of Beaches and Harbors - Marina ACO Fund
Rfurb - Tide Gate Replacement
Fixed Assets - Building & Improvements
MA2-BH-88930-6014
\$795,000 Increase Appropriation

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